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1. HIGHLIGHTS. WEDNESDAY THROUGH FRIDAY PAPERS FEATURED  
WATERGATE; WEDNESDAY PAPERS FRONTPAGED HOUSE VOTES BOMBING  
CURB, THURSDAY PAPERS FRONTPAGED NIXON VETOES CURB, FRIDAY  
PAPERS FRONTPAGE CONGRESS CONSIDERING COMPROMISE ON

BOMBING.

1 A. TUESDAY INSIDE NYTIMES HAD CHINA AND NATO RECEIVE ASSURANCES ON SUMMIT, AND AS TRAILER: JAPANESE DOUBTS AT GENEVA. PAPERS HAD FRENCH TEST EVERY DAY; CHINA TEST BEGINNING THURSDAY.

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1 B. FRIDAY PAPERS INSIDE ALL HAVE VIENNA STORIES ON AGREEMENT ON TROOP CUT AIMS. NYTIMES INSIDE HAS DUTCH OFFER PLAN FOR REVISED NATO.

2. GENEVA. NYTIMES TRAILER WAS BY UPI; WASHPOST HAD SAME STORY UNDER HEADING, JAPAN QUESTIONS US- SOVIET ACCORD, UPI SAYING JAPAN TODAY QUESTIONED VALUE OF US- SOVIET ACCORD ON PREVENTING NUCLEAR WAS AS LONG AS POWERS CONTINUE UNDERGROUND ATOMIC TESTS AND CHINA AND FRANCE IGNORE

DISARMAMENT EFFORTS. UPI QUOTES NISIBORI SAYING THAT DESPITE NUCLEAR ACCORD THERE HAS BEEN NO SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS ON GENUINE NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT, ALSO SOME COUNTRIES ARE STILL CONDUCTING UNDERGROUND TESTS AND SOME OTHERS ARE CONDUCTING TESTS EVEN IN ATMOSPHERE.

3. TESTING. WEDNESDAY WASHPOST HAD FRENCH GENERAL OPPOSES A- TESTS IN PACIFIC, REUTER REPORTING FROM TAURANGA NEW ZEALAND THAT RETIRED GEN. BOLLARDIERE SAID IN AN INTERVIEW HE MAY ATTEMPT TO PARACHUTE ONTO MUROROA ATOLL AS PROTEST AGAINST TEST.

3 A. THURSDAY WASHPOST HAD INSIDE STREAMER, BRITISH UNIONS TO BOYCOTT FRANCE ON A- TESTS, STORY FROM LONDON REPORTING TRADE UNION CONGRESS ANNOUNCED IT WAS ASKING ITS 9.5 MILLION MEMBERS TO BOYCOTT EVERYTHING FRENCH FOR A WEEK IN PROTEST AGAINST PACIFIC TESTING. REUTER ADDING CONGRESS' DECISION TO CALL BOYCOTT FOR FIRST WEEK OF JULY ON ALL GOODS, TRANSPORTS, AND COMMUNICATIONS CAME AFTER SEVERAL AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND UNION LEADERS VISITED UNCLASSIFIED

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LONDON IN AN EFFORT TO INCREASE PRESSURE ON FRENCH. REUTER CITES OBSERVERS SAYING BOYCOTT AFFECTING SIX PERCENT OF BRITAIN'S IMPORTS WOULDN'T HAVE SERIOUS LASTING EFFECTS BUT COULD PRODUCE CHAOS IN TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM AT HEIGHT OF TOURIST SEASON.

3 B. FRIDAY NYTIMES HAS HEADING, FRENCH CALL PACIFIC TESTS HARMLESS, COVERING PARIS UPI AND LONDON AND HONG KONG TRAILERS. UPI REPORTS FOREIGN MINISTRY RELEASED WHITE PAPER ON FRENCH TESTING PROGRAM SAYING TESTS DO NO HARM TO EITHER PEOPLE OR ENVIRONMENT, ADDING THAT IN PRESENT STATE OF WORLD ARMAMENTS, DEVELOPMENT OF NUCLEAR ARMS IS NECESSARY TO SECURITY AND INDPENEDENCE OF FRANCE. UPI

SAYS 116- PAGE WHITE PAPER CONTAINS SCIENTIFIC DATA AND COMPARISON CHARTS TO SHOW THAT FRENCH TESTING IS CONDUCTED UNDER STRICTER SAFETY PRECAUTIONS THAN TESTING DONE BY OTHER NUCLEAR POWERS AND FRANCE IS CONVINCED OF HARMLESSNESS OF SOUTH PACIFIC TESTS.

3 C. WEDNESDAY NYTIMES EDITORIAL, FRANCE DEFIES THE COURT, SAID FRENCH DETERMINATION TO TEST IS BLOW NOT ONLY TO NATIONS THREATENED BY FALLOUT BUT TO COURT WHICH REQUESTED SUSPENSION OF TESTS PENDING A JUDGMENT ON THEIR LEGALITY. CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR EDITORIAL LAST SATURDAY SAID IT WOULD LIKE TO SEE FRANCE ENDING ITS UNHAPPY ISOLATION BY STOPPING TESTS AND SIGNING TEST BAN AND NON- PROLIFERATION TREATIES.

3 D. THURSDAY WASHPOST HAD WASHINGTON STORY, CHINA TESTS A- DEVICE IN ATOMPSHERE, REPORTING CHINA' S 15 TH NUCLEAR TEST AND REPORTING DIFFERENCES BETWEEN AEC AND INDIAN AGENCY ON SIZE OF BLAST. STORY ADDS HISTORY OF CHINESE BLASTS AND REPORTS AUSTRALIAN PM WHITLAM IS INSTRUCTING AMBASSADOR AT PEKING TO MAKE PROTEST. FRIDAY WASHPOST HAS WORLD ROUNDUP ITEM FROM HONG KONG SAYING CHINA ANNOUNCED IT HAD TESTED A HYDROGEN BOMB IN ORDER TO BREAK NUCLEAR MONOPOLY OF SUPERPOWERS AND TEST WAS ENTIRELY FOR DEFENSIVE PURPOSES. STORY ADDS A WAVE OF PROTESTS PROMPTLY CAME FROM SOVIET UNION, AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND, JAPAN, SOUTH VIETNAM AND INDONESIA, AND AT SAME TIME NEW ZEALAND WARSHIP WAS SPEEDING IN ATTEMPT TO THWART FRENCH UNCLASSIFIED

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PLANS FOR TEST BY STEAMING WITHIN 12 MILES OF MUROROA.

3 E. NYTIMES DURDIN HONG KONG IN TRAILER MENTIONED ABOVE REPORTS LONG AFTER REPORTS FROM MONITORING STATIONS PEKING CONFIRMED TEST, SAYING THE NECESSARY AND LIMITED TESTS BY CHINA ARE ENTIRELY FOR DEFENSE AND FOR BREAKING SUPERPOWER MONOPOLY AND WITH ULTIMATE AIM OF ABOLISHING NUCLEAR WEAPONS, DURDIN ADDING CHINESE REPEATED PREVIOUS STATEMENTS CHINA WOULDN' T BE FIRST TO USE NUKES. SECOND TRAILER, LONDON AP, REPORTS THAT BRITAIN AND OTHER COUNTRIES OPPOSING FRENCH ATMOSPHERIC TESTS EXPRESSED REGRET OVER CHINESE EXPLOSION, FOREIGN OFFICE CALLING ON PEKING TO ACCEDE TO PARTIAL TEST BAN OF 1963 AND JULIAN AMERY TELLING COMMONS: WE SHOULD BE JUSTIFIED IN INTERVENING FURTHER ONLY IF THERE WAS EVIDENCE OF DANGER TO HEALTH FROM THE TESTS BUT FOREIGN OFFICE SEES NO DANGER WHATEVER TO HEALTH AS RESULT OF FRENCH OR CHINESE TESTS. AP ADDS THAT JAPANESE FONMIN SAID PROTEST NOTE HAD BEEN PRESENTED AND NEW ZEALAND PM KIRK SAID ANY NUCLEAR EXPLOSION CAUSING FALLOUT WAS VIOLATION OF INTERNATIONAL LAW.

4. VIENNA STORIES. NYTIMES FLORA LEWIS REPORTS AGREE-  
MENT ON GOALS OF NEGOTIATIONS FOR TROOP CUTS SCHEDULED  
TO BEGIN OCTOBER 30, ALTHOUGH NATO WARSAW COUNTRIES WERE  
UNABLE TO AGREE ON AN AGENDA, BUT EASTERN BLOC UNDER-  
TOOK THAT TALKS WOULD NOT BE STALLED OVER PROCEDURAL  
QUIBBLES. LEWIS SAID VIENNA COMMUNIQUE WAS AN INTRICATE  
COMPROMISE THAT FORESHADOWED EXTREMELY TOUGH NEGOTIATIONS  
AHEAD, ADDING WEST AGREED TO DROP WORD BALANCED BECAUSE  
WARSAW NATIONS ENDORSED IDEA WITHOUT EMPLOYING WORD,  
SAYING SPECIFIC ARRANGEMENTS MUST CONFORM TO PRINCIPLE  
OF UNDIMINISHED SECURITY FOR EACH PARTY. THROUGH ANOTHER

COMPROMISE IN STATEMENT, SAYS LEWIS, WEST WAS LEFT FREE  
TO CONTINUE TO INSIST ANY AGREEMENT MUSE BE PACKAGE IN-  
CLUDING VERIFICATION MEASURES AND CERTAIN CONSTRAINTS,  
SUCH AS FOREWARNING OF MILITARY MANEUVERS AND ADMISSION  
OF OBSERVERS FROM THE OTHER SIDE, AND THE EAST HAS  
PERSISTENTLY REJECTED SUCH IDEAS AND DIDN' T WANT THEM  
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INCLUDED IN DISCUSSIONS.

4 A. NYTIMES GENEVA TRAILER IS HEADED, SOVIET ASKS A-  
POLICING, SPECIAL STORY REPORTING THAT SOVIET UNION PRO-  
POSED THAT BAN ON CHEMICAL WEAPONS BE ENFORCED BY A  
SYSTEM OF SELF- POLICING BY NATIONAL COMMITTEES AND  
QUOTE VOLUNTARY UNQUOTE INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGES OF  
SCIENTIFIC INFORMATION, AS RUSSIA AND ITS ALLIES SPELLED  
OUT FOR FIRST TIME THEIR VIEWS ON HOW TO CONTROL THE OUT-  
RIGHT BAN THEY WANT ON DEVELOPMENT AND STOCK- PILING OF  
CHEMICAL WEAPONS. THE NATIONAL COMMITTEES COULD CONSIST  
OF REPRESENTATIVES OF GOVERNMENTS AND OF PRIVATE ORGANI-  
ZATIONS, WITH PRECISE STRUCTURE BEING DETERMINED BY THE  
INDIVIDUAL COUNTRY.

4 B. BALTSUN HEADS OISHI, BOTH SIDES PLEASED AS TALKS END,  
OISHI SAYING WRAPUP OF PREPARATORY TALKS WAS ANTI- CLIMATIC  
SINCE MOST IMPORTANT AGREEMENT, ON PRECISE DATE, CAME  
FROM NIXON- BREZHNEV. OISHI QUOTES WESTERN SPOKESMEN  
CALLING RESULTS BROADLY SATISFACTORY AND SOVIET BLOC  
SPOKESMAN EXPRESSED PROFOUND SATISFACTION WITH RESULTS.  
OISHI ALSO MENTIONS COMPROMISES REPORTED BY LEWIS AND  
SAYS NEGOTIATORS THIS FALL, WITHOUT AN AGENDA, ARE  
EXPECTED TO SPEND SEVERAL WEEKS IN A GENERAL EXCHANGE OF  
VIEWS TO SOUND OUT EACH SIDE' S POSITION, AND NATO SOURCES  
INDICATE REDUCTION NEGOTIATIONS WILL REQUIRE A CONSIDER-  
ABLE NUMBER OF MONTHS.

4 C. WASHPOST HOMAN STRESSES FAILURE TO AGREE ON AGENDA  
AND FINDS IN SEPARATE BRIEFINGS CONSIDERABLE DISAGREEMENT  
ABOUT SCOPE OF OCTOBER CONFERENCE, BUT NOTES SPOKESMEN  
SEEM SATISFIED EVEN THOUGH CONCLUSIONS DON' T REPRESENT THE

IDEAL FROM VIEWPOINT OF EITHER SIDE.

5. NATO. NYTIMES BRUSSELS SPECIAL REPORTS NETHERLANDS HAS FORMALLY BEGUN ATLANTIC ALLIANCE'S PROCESS OF SELF-ANALYSIS BY PRESENTING NEW DRAFT PLAN FOR ATLANTIC CHARTER, AN ELABORATION OF DRAFT OFFERED BY DUTCH FONMIN AT COPENHAGEN. SPECIAL SAYS DUTCH PROPOSAL WAS CONSIDERED

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SIGNIFICANT BY NATO SOURCES BECAUSE IT WAS REPORTEDLY DESIGNED TO FORCE A FORMAL DISCUSSION OF STATUS OF TWO AUTHORITARIAN GOVERNMENTS: GREECE PORTUGAL. DUTCH DRAFT PUTS SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON A CALL FOR THE ALLIANCE TO REAFFIRM ITS PRINCIPLES OF REPRESENTATIVE DEMOCRACY, SOCIAL JUSTICE, AND RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS, OTHER POINTS INCLUDING PLEDGES TO WORK FOR RECONCILIATION WITH EAST AND AID TO POOR COUNTRIES.

5 A. BALTSUN ANNAPOLIS STORY REPORTS ON CONFERENCE THERE OF DIPLOMATIC AND POLITICAL DELEGATES FROM NATO COUNTRIES, AS WELL AS MILITARY OFFICERS, DISCUSSING NAVAL AND MARITIME AFFAIRS, WITH ATLANTIC COMMANDER ADMIRAL COUSINS TELLING REPORTERS CONFERENCE SAW MARKEDLY GREATER EMPHASIS ON THE GROWING SOVIET NAVAL THREAT THAN PREVIOUS NATO CONFERENCES. ADMIRAL COUSINS ALSO STRESSED CONCERN OVER COD WAR BETWEEN ICELAND BRITAIN AND THE ENORMOUS SOVIET SUB-MARINE CAPABILITY. ROGERS

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